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Meeting of the H.M., P.W.D., with the Association of Electrical Undertakings, Bombay Province, on 22nd November 1949.

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Present

1. Hon ' Ble Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta,
Minister for Public Works.

2. Mr. G. V. Bedekar, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D?

3. Mr. P. B. Advani,
Electrical Commsr with the Govt. of Bombay.

4. Mr. S. G. Nadkarni,
Electrical Engineer to Government.

5. Mr. R. M. Prabhu,
Parliamentary Secy. to H.M., P.W.D.

Representatives of the Association

6. Mr. V. F. Noel Paton — Chairman.

7. Mr. K. G. Milne.

8. Mr. N. C. Jhaveri.

9. Mr. D. H. Nariman.

10. Mr. P. E. Patel,

11. Mr. R. P. Ayar — Secy. of the Association.

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(ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY).

The Association of Electrical Undertakings,

Bombay Province.

Telephone No. 30 901.

REGISTERED OFFICE:
KILLICK BUILDING,
HOME STREET.

Ref. No. AEU/35/.

Bombay, 25th November 1949.

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
Bombay.

Dear Sir,

The Press Note handed to me subsequent to the meeting a deputation from the Association had with the Minister for Public Works on Tuesday, the 22nd November, 1949, has been submitted to the Council, and this is return in a form which meets with the views of the Council at the same time not creating any misunderstanding among the public.

The reasons behind the changes suggested arise from the fact that the Council are not willing to act counter to the advice given to them by their legal advisers in regard to the rates of licensees in respect of their charges under the Electricity (Supply) Act. In the circumstances, it appears reasonable that the attention of the public should not be prominently drawn to the provisions regarding the statutory Rating Committees and this might result in undesirable litigation and lead them to think that the Association has accepted Government's interpretation of the Act as to their necessity in certain circumstances.

On the question of depreciation it was, the Council think, agreed at the meeting with the Minister that the limitation imposed under Clause 10 of the Sixth Schedule should not apply so long as a licensee continued to set apart in the current year as depreciation an amount similar to the over-all total amount which he set apart in the previous year.

In general.....

In general terms, the Council are not hesitant in appreciating the difficulties which Government feel in regard to convincing certain sections of the public about the reasonableness of the charges proposed by various licensees and having regard to the conflict of opinion in the interpretation of Section 57 of the Supply Act read with the Sixth Schedule thereto, earnestly desire a via media policy, which appears to be straightforward whereby the Minister's policy requirements could be met and both the public and the licensees satisfied as a matter of practical politics.

The Council of this Association feel that apart from the question of depreciation, which it is hoped can be ettled early, many licensees may not be in a position to agree to defer alteration of charges in view of the economic position and their responsibilities and duties towards the investors. Moreover the Council of this Association feel that their constituents are conforming to the limits prescribed by the Sixth Schedule, so that it would not be appropriate for it to recommend a course of action in regard to Rating Committees which, running counter to Counsel Setalvad's opinion, might prejudice not only the undertakings in this province but those throughout India.

The Council of this Association do not consider that it would best all in the interests of the community to accept the delays inevitably inherent in the interpretation of Section 57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act understood to be placed thereon by the Government of Bombay, and which would result in the curtailment of licensees' freedom to increase charges as they may consider proper, and within the law, when such revision of charges is deemed to be necessary as the result of conditions ruling from time to time, and particularly where designed to take care of sudden changes in economic circumstances, as for example, increase in the cost of fuel and (By no means a remote contingency), awards of Industrial Tribunals, etc.

As stated above, and for the reasons which have been

set out.....

set out, the Council of this Association regret that they cannot accept the interpretation of Government said to be placed by it of Section 57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, nor can they agree, again for the reasons stated, to recommend licensees themselves to ask for a Rating Committee to be set up to investigate, and recommend the fixation of their charges under Section 57, and considering that licensees should reserve what they consider to be their just and fair right to make the tariff adjustments without the intervention of a Rating Committee except in the circumstances of they having wantonly breached the provisions of the Sixth Schedule.

Nevertheless, in an endeavour to meet the difficulty mentioned by the Minister that it is expedient to satisfy publicopinion as to the reasonableness of licensees' existing charges and proposals, and if necessary to inform Government as to the life of their plant, the Association will raise no objection if Government sets up an ad hoc Committee, not under any Statute and having a constitution to be agreed between Government and the Association, and refers to be said Committee the cases of licensees, as may be seen expedient. It is suggested that such Committee might be composed of two members nominated by Government (one to be an engineer experienced accountant) and two members from the Industry (one to be nominated by the Association and the other by the licensees concerned). The findings of such a Committee may be published ij the Gazette for the information and satisfaction of all concerned and, should the Committee find that that in its opinion the licensees' charges or proposed charges are unreasonable having regard to the principles of the Sixth Schedule to the Electricity (Supply) Act, then it is felt that the licensees should be only too willing to consider most

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carefully any reasonable proposals of the Committee and act thereon as they may consider proper and desirable. Licensees would be recommended to afford all facilities to the said Committee to produce a report, which it is felt would meet the Minister's policy requirements.

The Association would be glad to hear from Government at an earlydate.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Secretary.

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(ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY)

The Association of Electrical Undertakings,

Bombay Province

REGISTER

Telephone No. 30901.

KILLICK BUILDING
HOME STREET.

Ref. No. AEU 35/623/50.

Bombay, 29th November 1954.

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The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

Public Works Department,

Bombay.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter No. AEU/35/617/50 of 25th November, please correct the last sentence on paragraph 6 of my letter to you as "..... increase in the cost of fuel and (by no means a remote contingency), awards of Industrial Tribunals, etc.".

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Secretary,

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PRESS NOTE.

Complaints have been received by Government that certain Electrical Undertakings in the Province have increased their rates after 30th September, 1949, when the Bombay Electricity (Surcharge) Act, 1946, expired.

Problems arising from the increase in rates were discussed by the Hon'ble Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Minister for Public Works Department, with the representatives of the Association of Electrical Undertakings, Bombay Province, in conferences held on Tuesday, 22nd November, 1949 and Wednesday 30th November 1949.

After a full and frank discussion which covered all outstanding issues, particularly the question of the period of depreciation of the assets and effects of devaluation on the working expenses of Electric Supply Companies, it was agreed that the Association would recommend to the Electrical Undertakings, without prejudice to their rights, that they might agree not to charge more than the rates (including surcharge) prevailing on 30th September, 1949, pending the appointment of a Rating Committee by Government under Section 57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. On the application made by the licensee Government is taking steps to appoint a Rating Committee to examine the charges levied by the Matheran Electricity Supply Company and hopes to announce its personnel and constitution shortly. The Association will, it is understood, nominate their representative on such Committees.

With regard to the question of depreciation, Government is taking steps to obtain a report on the physical condition of assets of those licensees who have applied for variation of the prescribed period. It was agreed that until Government passes orders on the application

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of the licensees the companies would be allowed to maintain the status quo ante during the current financial year.

Government are aware that it has been contended on behalf of certain Electrical Undertakings that they have a case for an increase in the current rates on account of the shorter life of assets prescribed by the Act of 1948 and enhanced costs of operation on fuel, labour and materials. It would be in the interest of the companies and not less in the interest of the consumers to have the case for increase scrutinized by the Rating Committee so that the whole question may be looked into thoroughly and neither party may have cause for complaint. The companies which desire a revision of the rates prevailing on 30th September 1949 or of the maxima fixed by the licensees are accordingly advised to apply to Government under Section 57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 for the appointment of a Rating Committee. It is, hoped that both the supply companies and the public will co-operate in the work of the Rating Committee.

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The Association of Electrical Undertakings,

Bombay Province.

Telephone No. 30901

REGISTERED OFFICE:
KILLICK BUILDING.
HOME STREET.

Ref. No. AEU 35/638/50. Bombay, 5th December 19 49.

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
Bombay.

Dear Sir,

Revision of Rates.

Further to my/letter No. AEU/35/617/50 of 25th November, the subject matter was further discussed by representatives of the Association with the Hob'ble Minister for Public Works on Wednesday, the 30th November, at 3 p.m.

I now enclose a copy of a letter which the Council of this Association agreed at their meeting held on 3rd December to send out to its members.

This letter embodies a recommendation on the lines discussed with the Hon'ble Minister.

It will be seen that in view of the form of the recommendation which the Council have agreed to make, the reasons for which were explained at the meeting with the Hob'ble Minister, and which are repeated in the letter to the members, there are a few words in the draft Press Note which do not exactly represent the position.

The draft is returned herewith embodying a slight change, which the Council hope Government will find in order.

On hearing from you that the Press Note as amended meets with your approval, the letter to the members will be immediately issued.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Secretary.

ENCL:

A copy of the Draft sent to the Assn. ~~is~~ is placed below:

The only change is in one clause as marked in red pencil on to the copies.

Since the clause relates to what the Assen's representatives agreed to, the modification suggested by the Assn. may be accepted.

The press note may issue without delay.

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H.M. I agree.

All those, individuals, associations, organisations, who have written to the matters of increase in electric charges, may now be replied to; their attention being drawn to the Press Note and hoping that they would co-operate in the work of the ~~Rating~~ Rating Committee for the various electrical undertakings when appears by placing an facts before that committee so that the matter may be looked out from all points review and fair discussion arrived on.

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i) Two copies.

A copy of the Press Note be sent (by name) to Mr. Telang of the Director of Publicity of issue so as to appear on Saturday 10th inst. (papers bearing this date). I have spoken to him on the phone. This is immediate.

II) The press note cyclostyled and carefully copies kept.
Two copies for my table pl.

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iii) I have sent to Mr Iyar Secy & the Assen. & told him about this. A formal reply may be sure to his letter of 5th 12-49

iv) a standard application reply to applications from consumers and complaints may be prepared of issued as directed by H.M.

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No. 571/48-III-E1 (I). Public Works Department
(B'bay No. 1)
B.C. (B'bay No.1) 9th Decr. 1949

To

The Secretary,

The Assn. of Electrical Undertakings,

Bombay Province,

Killick Bldg. Home Street, B'bay no. 1.

Sub:- Revision of ~~rates~~.

Sir,

I am to refer to your letter No. AEU/35/617/50. of the 5th Decr. 1949 and to state that the amended press note has been accepted by Govt. It will be published on Saturday the 10th December 1949.

Yours faithfully,

Id

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D.A. Nil.

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N O T E.

The Hon'ble Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Minister for Public Works, Government of Bombay, summoned representatives of the Association on 22nd November 1949 at 12 noon, to discuss the increase in rates effected by certain Electric Supply Undertakings in terms of S.57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act read with Clause 1 of the Sixth Schedule to that Act.

The following were present at the meeting:

Government:

The Hon'ble Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Minister for Public works;
Mr. R. M. Prabhu, Parliamentary Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works.
Mr. G. V. Bedekar, I.C.S., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
Mr. P. B. Advani, Electrical Commissioner with the Govt. of Bombay.
Mr. S. G. Nadkarni, Electrical Engineer to the Government of Bombay.

Association:

Mr. V. F. Noel Paton (President)
Mr. P. E. Patel
Mr. N. C. Javeri
Mr. K. G. Milne.
Mr. D. H. Nariman.
Mr. R. P. Aiyar (Secretary).

At the outset the Delegation from the Association thanked the Minister for so kindly calling them for a discussion, but, from the brief reference made in the letter inviting them for the meeting, they were not fully aware of the Minister's intentions.

The Minister said that after the discussion in Poona on 11th October when he had indicated Government's readiness to consitutte a Rating Committee, no progress in its formation had taken place. In the meantime many Licensees had increased their rates, which had resulted in Public clamour in many places. It was to discuss the subject further in that background that he had invited representatives of the Association. He went on to say that Government had, in the context of Counsel Mr.

Setalvad's.....

Setalvad's opinion on the interpretation of S.57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act furnished to them by an Electric Supply Undertaking, examined the position furtherand they had been advised by their Legal Advisers that a Licensee could not increase his rates without a Rating Committee inquiring into his charges for supply. According to Government's Legal Advisers S.57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, was not mandatory; consequently the protections afforded to consumers under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, were in force, and such provisions in the 1910 Act as were inconsistent with the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, were only void.

The Deputation pointed out that they took an altogether different view. An important provision in the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, was Section 57 which introduced the all-important Sixth Schedule. According to Counsel's opinion as given to a constituent of the Association, licensees were within their rights to adjust their rates so long as they conformed to the provisions of the Sixth Schedule to the Electricity (Supply) Act.

The Deputation reminded the Minister that the Electricity (Supply) Act had been placed on the Statute Book after prolonged discussions with all the interests concerned, and if the construction placed by Bombay Government's Legal Advisers on S.57 were to be accepted, it would nullify all the efforts made during the years the Act was moulded into shape. This was more tragic in that it was at the initiative of the Bombay Government that the Bill was considered by the Central Government.

The Minister while appreciating the Association's point of view said that Government should act according to the advice given to them by their Legal Advisers.

Apart from the legal aspect, the Minister said Government had received many complaints from the public against the rate increases recently effected by certain licensees, and in the

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interest of good Government it was imperative that the public's fears should be allayed. May be incertain cases the increases made are not unreasonable, but if these these had the approval of a Rating Committee the public would accept. The merefact that a certain rate of return was mentioned in the Sixth Schedule to the Electricity (Supply) Act was not likely to be appreciated by the public but if the rates were increased on the recommendation of a Rating Committee (who would investigate the position thoroughly) the public would have less cause for compaint.

The Deputation throught that Government were constituting the National Committee on the specific request of a licensee, and according to the Association's records this might have been from Nira-Lonand Electric Supply Co.

The Minister said that Government had not on their file the letter from the Nira-Lonand Company, but the action they proposed to take was based on the letter from the Association supporting the Licensee's request for the constitution of a Rating Committee, but it was agreed by him that each reference would be ad hoc. Government had already finalised the official Members of the proposed Committee, and if the Association nominated its representative, the combined personnel could be permanent, and at each ad hoc enquiry the representative from the Licensee concerned could join.

He had already stated at that the meeting at Poona that pending Licensees Accounts were being examined by Rating Committees, they would be justified in increasing the rates upto the surcharges which lapsed on 30th September, and he did not see why there should be any objection to the Rating Committee being consituted.

The delegation mentioned that the question of Rating Committees examining the Licensees charges for

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supply would not become so urgent if Government came to a favourable decision on the request by licensees for variation in the prescribed lives of assets. This would render it unnecessary for licensees to increase their charges on this account, and to licensees putting back the lapsed surcharges the Minister himself had not so much raised objection. The acceptance of Government's proposal for Rating Committees would imply that licensees had accepted Government's interpretation of Section 57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act. According to advice tendered to them by Counsel, licensees were competent to adjust their rates suitably, and this freedom to adjust the tariff structure in the best interests of all would be jeopardised if a Rating Committee was to investigate a licensee's Accounts as in that event the rates could not be altered without reference to another Rating Committee.

The Minister had hinted at Poona that if there was a Rating Committee Government could refer to them for advice concerning Depreciation, but this problem could be better solved if Government constituted the Provincial Electricity Board under the Electricity (Supply) Act. The formation of the Provincial Electricity Board would also lighten Government's other problems over electrical Development.

(The Minister gave the impression that a little more delay was likely in the constitution of the Board, and he also as an aside, referred to the proviso to sub-section 1(4) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, which provided for an extension of the two year period set originally in the Act for the Boards to be formed in the Provinces).

The Minister reverting to the subject of Rating Committee said that whatever might be the position in Law Under S.57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, it would be in the interests of all concerned if those who raised their rates, or intended to raise their rates, subjected themselves to investigations by Rating Committees.

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The delegation said that they did not at all favour this approach to the problem, and, as a matter of interest inquired whether the Bombay Government had asked for the views of the Central Electricity Commission regarding the interpreation of S. 57 of the Supply Act. They felt that if such an inquiry were to be made they were sure the Central Electricity Commission would have given the views held by the Industry.

(The Minister gave no answer to this, and the delegation assumed that the Government of Bombay had not made any reference to Simla, and this assumption was not denied by the Minister either).

The delegation again impressed upon the Minister that if a definition other than the one they believed to be the right one was placed on S.57 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, the labours during the years the Act was forged would be wasted effort. However without prejudice to their stand, the Association would be only too pleased to consider any suggestions the Minister might make. They further mentioned that Government's approach to the problems of the Industry in the past had not been entirely helpful, and a solution to the problems would be rendered easier if Government consulted the Industry prior to the foumulation of any policy. They appreciated the Minister's gesture in this instance in asking them to come for a descussion and they were only too eager to offer their co-operation.

The Minister said that if problems could be dealt with in this spirit, they would be solved to the satisfaction of all concerned. He appreciated the difficulty of many licensees who had had to aise their rates and he was also not unaware of the Industry's stand in the all - India context over the interpretation of S. 57 of the Supply Act. However, there was a deadlock, and

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let it be to the credit of the Bombay Province to find out a compromise which while not putting the licensees to loss will, nevertheless, provide an opportunity to convince the public of the reasonableness of the licensees rates.

The Minister, therefore, suggested for the consideration of the Association the following formulae:-

(a) Licensees be allowed to charge the rates in force as at 30th September, 1949, i.e. prior to the lapse of the War Costs (Surcharge) Act, 1946.

(b) Licensees be allowed to compute Depreciation for the current year at the rate they have been setting apart pending Government's examination of the requests by Licensees for a variation in the prescribed lives of assets.

(c) Any licensee who wished to have an increase in the rates shall ask for a Rating Committee.

The delegation promised to consider the suggestions and stated that after an immediat reference to the full Council they would write to Government.

Before concluding, the delegation drew the Minister's attention to the Association's recent representation to the Health and Local Government Department for a joint meeting with the Ministers of Local Government and P.W.D., and informed the Minister that the Local Government Department had turned down the request. As the problem was of great importance, the Minister was requested whether he would use his good offices with his colleague and arrange for the meeting.

The Minister promised to consider the matter, but stated that he would much like the problem of Rate increases to be solved first.

The meeting lasted about 1 hour and 40 minutes and discussion was frank throughout.

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Later the President of the Association wrote to the Hon'ble Minister on the 29th November offering to place himself at the Minister's disposal if it would help making any progress. This was subsequent to the Association's letter dated 25th November to the Government modifying their draft Press Note and stating that the Council could not "accept the interpretation of Government said to be placed by it on Section 57 of the Electricity (Supply Act". nor could they agree to "recommend Licensees themselves to ask for a Rating Committee to be set up to investigate and recommend the fixing of their charges under S.57" on the ground that the Licensees "should reserve what they consider to be their just and fair right to make the tariff adjustment without the intervention of a Rating Committee except in the circumstances of they having wantonly breached the provisions of the sixth schedule".

In response to this letter the Minister asked the President to discuss the matter again with him on Wednesday the 30th November at 3 p.m. The President was accompanied by Mr. K.G. Milne and the Secretary and the Minister was attended by Mr. Bedekar, the Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

At this latter meeting the Minister hinted that the opinion of Government's Legal Advisers did not question the Licensees' rights to adjust their rates within the Madima set in the licensees without prior reference to a Rating Committee, but in other cases where the increase would result in infringing the Maxima the machinery of a Rating Committee should be set in motion.

In any case the Matheran Electric Supply Co. Ltd. had asked for a Rating Committee, and this enabled Government to constitute one immediately. In any case, the Association's suggestion for a non-Statutory Committee was unacceptable as the .....

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was unacceptable as the Act did not provide for any Committee other than a Rating Committee.

Continuing the Minister said that it would be best for the Association to recommend to its members not to increase their rates beyond these prevailing as at 30th September, 1949.

It was pointed out to the Minister that while making such a recommendation would not be difficult, the possibility of certain members at any rate not conforming to it would have to be reckoned with an view of their difficult financial position.

The Minister was apprised of the background of the provision governing the Rating Committee and he was advised that according to knowledge at the disposal of the Association it was the intention of the framers of the Act that Licensees should be allowed freedom to adjust their rates suitably so long as they did not exceed the overall reasonable return provided in the Act. As they understood S.57, the appointment of a Rating Committee to investigate a Licensees charges was intended to be a penal provision, applicable only when a licensee infringed the provisions of the Sixth Schedule and whether or not a Licensee waw liable to be visited with such a penalty (with attendant delays, trict control of his promotional rates) policies as well as his earnings, and general curtailment of his freedom to act immediately as his intimate knowledge seemed to require) could only be determined after a year's working under the Electricity (Supply) Act had become known.
The time when the result of a year's working would become known, was not far distant.

Additionally it was felt that the expenditure of time and public money on the proceedings of Rating Committees could not be negligible, on the analogy of Labour Adjudications of which Licensees had had some unhappy experience. It was felt that the use of such Committees should accordingly be limited so far as avoidable.

The Minister said that legal problems apart, he was more concerned with the public agitation and he, therefore, asked that the Association make the necessary recommendation and it was then

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The Press Note as modified by the Association was discussed, and except for a few more variations, the Minister did not raise objections to the corrections desired by the Assocations.

The Meeting was very brief, at the end of which the Minister suggested that the draft Press Note as further modified in the light of the discussion now covered be furnished to the Association for further consideration.

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The Association of Electrical Undertakings
Bombay Province.

ALLAHABAD BANK BUILDINGS
APOLLO STREET

Bombay 5th December, 1949.

Ref. No. AEU/35/639/50

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Government of Bombay,
Secretariat,
Bombay.

Dear Sir,

I enclose, for your information and record, a copy copy of the notexxx covering the discussions representatives of the Association had had with the Heb'ble Minister for Public Works on 22nd and 30th November 1949.

Yours fiathfully.

Sd/-

Secretary.

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El. Br. (I) P.W.D.

Submitted for information and orders, if any.

2. Attention is invited to the proceedings on pp. 52-65 ante. The press notehas appeared in Times of India on the 10th ~~xxxx~~ Decr.

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2. As- A.S. (Mr. Das), was present of this meeting and he could have gone through the pp. and stated if there is anything contrary to what was said ~~on~~ the meeting by W.M. (portion marked red in margin).

I have gone through the pp: file.

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El. Br. (I) P.W.D.

It is proposed that copies of the press note issued on the 10th Decr. 1949 may be forwarded to all licensees in this Province for inform. and guidance. The draft put up may issue if approved.

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No. 571/48-II-El. (I). Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle, (Bombay No.1),
15th December 1949.

From

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

To

The Electrical Licensees and sanctions holders in
the Province of Bombay.

Subject:- Rates for the supply of electricity.

Dear Sir/Sirs,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the press note issued on the 10th December 1949 for your information and guidance.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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(G. V. Bedekar),

For Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

D.A.- Press Note.

Copy, with a copy of the press note, for information to the Secretary, of the Association of Electrical Undertakings, Bombay Province.

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Copies also for information to -

the Commissioners of Divisions,

the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of Bombay,

all Collectors,

The Electrical Engineer to Government,

the Executive Engineer, Northern Electrical Division,

-do- Southern Electrical Division.

2. The Collectors are requested to bring pressure where necessary on the local Electrical Undertakings and prevail upon them to abstain from raising their rates.

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List of Electrical Undertakings in the Merged States.

Serial No.	Name of the Electrical Undertaking.	Place.
	District Ahmedabad.	
1.	The Electric Power House.	Mansa.
2.	Shree Surajmal Electric Power House & Water Works.	Varsoda.
	District Kaira.	
3.	Municipal Power House.	Petlad.
4.	The Cambay Electric Supply & Industrial Company.	Cambay.
	District Panch Mahals.	
5.	Shree Lunawada Industries and Electricity Co.	Lunawada.
6.	Sangeli Power House.	Sangeli.
7.	Santrampur Power House.	Santarampur.
8.	Baria Power House.	Baria.
9.	Chhota Udaipur Power House.	Chhota-Udaipur.
	District Mehsana.	
10.	Kadi New Electric Supply Company.	Kadi.
11.	The Kalol Electric Supply and Industrial Ltd.	Kalol
12.	Mehsana Electric Supply Company.	Mehsana
13.	Municipal Power House.	Patan.
14.	Vadanagar Industrial Company, Limited.	Vadanagar.
15.	Vasai Electric Supply Company, Limited.	Vasai.
16.	Electric Power House (Government Irrigation).	Vijapur.
17.	Municipal Power House.	Visnagar.
18.	Sidhpur Electric Industrial Company, Limited.	Sidhpur.
	District Amreli.	
19.	The Amreli Electiricty Co., Ltd.	Amreli.
20.	Electric Power House, Harbour Engineer's Office.	Okha.
21.	The Dhari Electric Supply Company.	Dhari.
	District Baroda.	
22.	Municipal Power House.	Baroda.
23.	The Dabhoi Electric Power Supply Co.	Dabhoi.
24.	Municipal Power House.	Karjan.
	District Banaskantha.	
25.	The Iqbal Electric Power House.	Palanpur.
26.	The Fateh Electirc Supply Company.	Dessa.
27.	The Dhanera Electric Supply Company.	Dhanera.
28.	The Radhanpur Electric Pwer House.	Radhanpur.
29.	The Power House at Danta.	Danta.
30.	The Power Housse at Shree Ambaji.	Shree Ambajee
	District Sabarkantha.	
31.	The Himatnagar Power House, Idar State.	Himatnagar
32.	Shri Khed Brahma Ambaji Mataji Power House	Khed Brahma.
33.	Power House at Ambaliara.	Ambaliara.
34.	Power House at Malpur.	Malpur.
35.	Power House at Vijayanagar.	Vijayanagar.
	District Broach.	
36.	Rajpipla Power House.	Rajpipla.
	District Surat.	

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Serial No.	Name of the Electrical Undertaking.	Place.
37.	The Bilimora Electric Power Supply Company.	Bilimora.
38.	Electirc Power House.	Gandevi.
39.	Tapi Electric Supply & Industires, Limited.	Kathor.
40.	Kholwad Electric Supply Corporation.	Kholwad.
41.	The Navsari Electric Supply Co., Ltd.	Navsari.
42.	Vyara Kanpura Elec. Co-operative Supply Society.	Vyara.
43.	Power House.	Bansda.
44.	Power House.	Dharampur.
	District Thana.	
45.	The Jahawar Electrical and Telephone Company.	Jawahar.
	District Kolaba.	
46.	Janjira Power House.	Janjira.
	District Ratnagiri.	
47.	The Power and Light Distributing Corporation, (Electric Supply).	Sawantwadi.
	District Nasik.	
48.	The Surgana Power House.	Surgana.
	District Poona.	
49.	Bhor Electric Supply Company.	Bhor.
50.	The Shirwal Electric Supply Company.	Shirwal.
51.	The Nasrapur Electric Supply Company.	Nasrapur.
	District Kolhapur.	
52.	The Kolhapur Electric Supply.	Kolhapur.
53.	The Ichalkaranji Electric Supply Company.	Ichalkaranji.
54.	The Jaysingpur Electirc Supply Co., Ltd.	Jaysingpur.
	District North Satara.	
55.	Light & Power Suppliers, Ltd.	Aundh.
56.	The Kishorsingh Electric Supply Co., Ltd.	Phaltan.
	District South Satara.	
57.	The Jubilee Electric Works.	Sangli.
58.	The Miraj Electric Supply Co., Ltd.	Miraj.
59.	The Budhgaon and Madhavnagar Electric Supply Co., Ltd.	Madhavnagar.
60.	The Kurundwad Electric Supply Co., Ltd.	Kurundwad.
61.	Electric Power Supply Co., Ltd.	Jamkhandi.
	District Sholapur.	
62.	Vijaysingh Electric Supply Company.	Akalkot.
63.	The Rabkavi Electric Supply Co., Ltd.	Rabkavi.
	District Bijapur.	
64.	Madhav Pratap Electric Supply Company.	Ramdurg.
	District Dharwar.	
65.	Shrhatti Electirc Supply Company.	Shirhatti.
66.	Kundgol Electric Supply Company.	Kundgol.
67.	Savanur Municipal Power House.	Savanpur.

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Issue Section will please send a copy of the G.L. at p. 95 ante to all the Secty. Companies mentioned in the list at p. 97-98 ante excepting those marked with a cross.

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THE AMALGAMATED ELECTRICITY CO. (BELGAUM), LTD.

Belgaum Branch

TEL. ADD. 'CONELECTRO'
TELEPHONE NO. 32889.

P. BOX NO. 879.
17 B. ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE, FORT.

Ref. No. AMAL/BEL/C-2/50

BOMBAY 1st February, 1950.

The Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
B O M B A Y:

Dear Sir,

Re: Rates for the supply of Electricity.

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With reference to your circular No. 571/48-II-EL.(I) dated 20th January, 1950, we have to state that we have not increased the rates, but the rates were revised so as to include the 33⅓% surcharge standing on 30-9-1949. Thus there was no question of reducing the rates in our case.

Yours faithfully,

The Amalgamated Electricity Co. (Belgaum) Ltd.
For Consolidated Electric Agencies Ltd., Managing Agents

Managing Director

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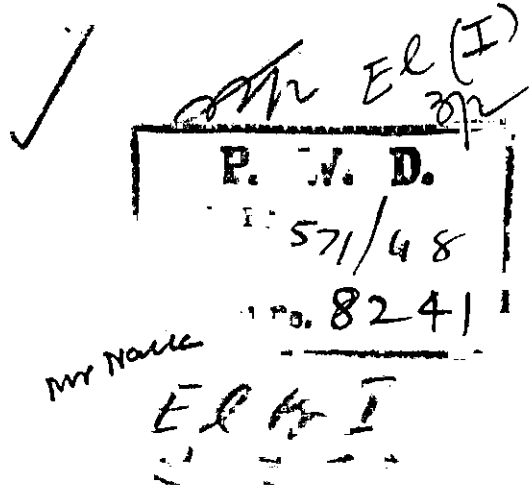
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No. 8241
My Name
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TELE : GRAMS : 'POWERHOUSE'
PHONE : 76

CODES :
A. B. C. 6TH EDITION

The Dharwar Electric Supply Co. Ltd.

(Registered under Indian Companies Act VII of 1913)
REGISTERED OFFICE - HETHANA, BROACH

MANAGING AGENTS :
The A. E. Cos. (India), Ltd.

POST BOX No. 5
DHARWAR

No.F.114/3468. 6th February, 1950.

The Deputy Secretary to the Government,
Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle,
BOMBAY. 1.

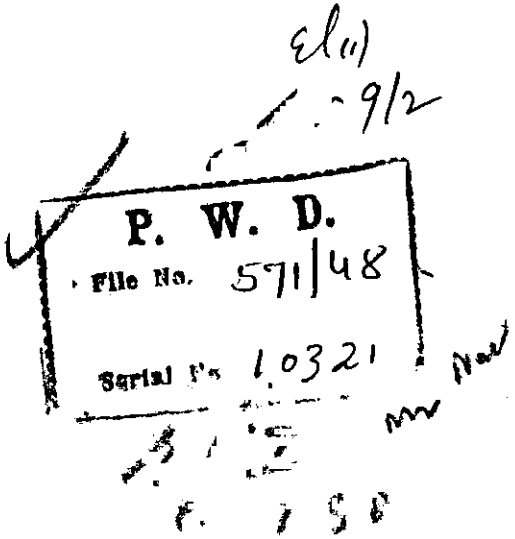
Dear Sir,

Re: Rates for the supply of electricity.

5.107 In reply to your letter No. 571/48-II-El.(I) dated the 20th January 1950 we have to inform you that the schedule of rates in force from 1st October 1949 are the same as were prevailing on 30th September 1949 inclusive of the surcharge of 33,1/3%.

Yours faithfully,
FOR THE DHARWAR ELEC. SUPP. CO.LTD.,

MANAGER.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Serial No. 10321

Light and Power Suppliers Ltd. POONA 2

POWER HOUSE ATHNI

Dated 24-12-1949.

Notice

It is hereby notified that the bills of energy will hereafter be submitted to the consumers in accordance with Schedule of Rates Circulated on the 15th October 1949, in conformity with Section 57 of the Electricity (supply) Act, 1948 read with schedule VI and VII of the said Act, and consumers in general may pay the energy charges as per the rates prevailing in the month of September 1949. This concession is extended to the consumers in accordance with the recommendations made by the press note issued by the Government of Bombay, dated 10th December 1949. The Company will carry forward the balance as arrears, till the decision of the Government on the recommendations of the Rating Committee regarding the actual rates to be charged for the supply of energy. The amount of arrears due from each Consumer will be finally adjusted as per rate approved by the Government.

The Consumers who pay their dues in accordance with the bills submitted, the additional extra amounts over the September 1949, rate will be treated as respective deposits towards energy bill account and will be finally ~~adjusted~~ utilized as per rates that may be fixed by the Government.

For The Light & Power Suppliers Ltd.

Sd. Keshav V. Sane

Licensee & Manager

Certified to be true copy

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LIGHT AND POWER SUPPLIERS, LTD.

Palghar Branch :
Power House, PALGHAR.
Dist. THANA.

Managing Agents :
The Industrial Service Ltd.
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180, Budhwar Peth, Laxmi Road,
POONA 2.
Telegrams: **'LIPOSU' Poona 2,**

Athni Branch
Power House, ATHNI
Dist. BELGAUM

Gumaste Building.
180, Budhwar Peth, Laxmi Road,
POONA 2.

Our Ref. PR-S-680/4950 Your Ref. _____ Date 8th May 1950

To
The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public works Department, Secretariat
Fort — Bombay

Subject: Rates for the supply of electricity.
Ref: your No. 5971/48-II-E1(I) dated 20th Jan. 1950 and 10th April 1950. Athni Electric License 1940

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letters referred to above, we have to state that we have already issued a circular (notice) on the 24th December 1949, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information; which is done to give due respect to the Press-note issued by the Government on the 10th December 1949.

Yours faithfully
For the licensee Athni Electric license 1940
and,
For The Light & Power Suppliers Ltd.
Secretary.
8/5/50

Encls: our
Circular (notice)
dated 24-12-49

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Serial No. 37139

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THE NIPANI ELECTRICITY Co.

REF. NO. 64 of 1950/51. NIPANI, 25th, April - 1950.

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
B O M B A Y.

Sir, Sub:- Rate for supply of Electricity.
Your letter No.571/48 II EL(I). P107 of 20 - 1 - 1950.

I have the honour to state that the rates for supply of electric energy of our undertaking were not increased under section 57 of the Electricity Supply Act 1948 after the expery of surcharge Act 1946 on 30-9-1949. From 1-10-1949 our undertaking charges the same rates privailing on 30-9-1949, including surcharge of 33%, which was allowed under the surcharge Act 1946. Hence there is no increase in rates of supply.

Under the circumstances it is not necessary for our undertaking to apply for a rating committee to examine our a/cs and fix up the rate for supply of energy,, or reduce the rates as suggested in the press note.

Your's Obediently,
For The Nipani Electricity Co, Ltd.
M. D. Yuly
Managing Director.

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El. Br. (I) L.W.D.

Resubmitted with reference to O.M. dated the 11-5-50.

2. The main file on the subject has since been received and the papers are arranged within.

3. From the replies received it will be seen that the rates for these coys are now the same as those prevailing on 20-9-1949. It seems from the report of the supply coy that the Rander Municipality is objecting to the increased rate of 0-10-8 per pole per month the papers kay perhaps be returned u.o. to the Elect. Engr. remarks with reference to ~~a~~ at p. (8) ante.

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u. o. to the El. Engr. to G. of I. dt 15-6-50.

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Below U.O.R. No. 571/48/33286 dated the 15th June 1950, from Government in the Public Works Department.

No. LRM.31/6090 of 1950.
Bombay 25th July 1950.

Returned with compliments with U.O.R. Serial No. 47028 dated 5-8-1950.

2. The rates of Rs. 2/- per pole for street lighting as stipulated in the agreement between the Municipality and the Supply Company is increased by 331/3 % in accordance with the Press Note issued by Government and it seems, therefore, to be in order. If, however, the Municipality objects to the above increases, it is advisable for the parties to settle the rate by mutual agreement, in view of the abnormal change in the circumstances since the execution of the xisting agreement and in case of any difference or dispute to refer the matter to arbitration.

Sd/-
Electrical Engineer to Govt.

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